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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

RE: SB 447

AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS

As president of a precision manufacturing company in Bethel, I am keenly aware of the challenges facing business in our area. Del-Tron Precision, Inc. was founded in order to serve the needs of automated equipment manufacturers for innovative, high quality and reasonably priced anti-friction linear bearings.

I am also interested in anything that can give our region an economic boost. The telecom modernization bill will eliminate tariffs on telecom companies, allowing them to reallocate that saved capital toward updating network technology and hiring more employees. It will also eliminate price floors for phone services, allowing companies to offer cheaper service to consumers and businesses. The business climate will foster healthy competition and attract outside investment.

From the standpoint of my own business, the Connecticut Telecom Modernization Act is just what Connecticut needs to get back on track toward growth and prosperity. At present, unemployment and economic stagnation directly impact the livelihood of my patrons and, subsequently, can easily turn into lost business for me—something I simply cannot afford in today's economy. As a citizen and business owner, I cannot over state how seriously these issues demand action to modernize regulations, jump-start business growth and allow for the creation of new jobs.

I hope you will join me in supporting SB 447.